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The Kativik Regional Police Force execute a warrant and seize 1.8 kilos of cannabis in Kangirsujuaq

Kuujjuaq, Québec – July 31, 2007 – The Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) officers in Kangirsujuaq, Constables Shawn McDonald and Jeffrey Marcoux, executed a search warrant on Friday July 27th 2007 at the Kangirsujuaq airport, where they found and seized 1.8 kilos of Cannabis, worth an approximate street value of $85,000.00.

The suspect was expected to arrive a few days earlier, but Constables McDonald and Marcoux only got confirmation from the Aboriginal Combined forces special enforcement unit, based in Montreal, that the suspect had indeed boarded the plane on Friday. Constable McDonald proceeded to get a tele-warrant from a judge, and when the airplane landed, searched the suspect's luggage and person, where they found the drugs.

On the same Friday, July 27th, in a separate incident, Constables McDonald and Marcoux executed a search warrant in a residence, where they seized $790.00 and 10 grams of cannabis, in individually wrapped packages, ready for sale.

Two other drug seizures have occurred in the last three weeks amounting to 55 grams of cannabis. Constables in this community are busy at this time of the year, due to the community receiving their Raglan mines royalty cheques.

The Kativik Regional Government (KRG) is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement, whose jurisdiction covers nearly the entire territory of Quebec north of the 55th parallel. The KRG administers the affairs of Nunavik in the areas of municipal affairs, transportation, environment, police, employment, manpower training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development.

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